Table 5. **Percent of Children Reported to be in Self Care While Mother is at Work by Age of Child: Fall 1991**

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristics	5 to 14 years			5 to 11 years			12 to 14 years		
	Number of children	In self care		Number of children	In self care		Number of children	In self care	
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent
Total	21,220	1,611	7.6	14,913	554	3.7	6,307	1,058	16.8
Child's gender:									
Male	10,736	871	8.1	7,609	335	4.4	3,128	537	17.2
Female	10,484	740	7.1	7,304	219	3.0	3,179	521	16.4
Race:									
White	17,393	1,444	8.3	12,141	494	4.1	5,252	950	18.1
Black	2,841	103	3.6	2,087	29	1.4	754	74	9.9
Other	986	64	6.5	685	31	4.6	301	33	11.0
Hispanic origin:									
Hispanic	1,733	84	4.8	1,295	35	2.7	439	49	11.2
Non-Hispanic	19,487	1,528	7.8	13,618	519	3.8	5,868	1,009	17.2
Marital status:									
Married	16,625	1,122	6.8	11,751	377	3.2	4,874	745	15.3
Not married	4,595	489	10.6	3,162	177	5.6	1,432	312	21.8
Other adults in household:									
None	16,920	1,269	7.5	12,262	464	3.8	4,658	805	17.3
One or more	4,300	342	8.0	2,651	89	3.4	1,649	253	15.3
Employment status:									
Full-time	14,646	1,285	8.8	10,301	478	4.6	4,345	807	18.6
Part-time	6,574	326	5.0	4,612	76	1.6	1,962	250	12.8
Class of worker:									
Self-employed	1,835	48	2.6	1,318	19	1.4	516	30	5.8
Employee	19,385	1,563	8.1	13,596	535	3.9	5,790	1,027	17.7
Type of work shift:									
Day shift	13,686	1,098	8.0	9,522	394	4.1	4,164	704	16.9
Non-day shift	7,534	513	6.8	5,391	160	3.0	2,143	353	16.5
Monthly family income:[1]									
Less than $1,500	2,960	213	7.2	2,163	80	3.7	798	133	16.7
$1,500 to $2,999	6,380	422	6.6	4,659	168	3.6	1,722	254	14.8
$3,000 to $4,499	5,536	411	7.4	3,937	157	4.0	1,599	254	15.9
$4,500 and over	6,276	563	9.0	4,095	149	3.6	2,181	414	19.0
Poverty level:[1]									
Below poverty level	1,848	143	7.8	1,367	67	4.9	481	76	15.9
Above poverty level	19,306	1,466	7.6	13,488	487	3.6	5,818	979	16.8
Educational attainment:									
Less than high school	2,312	152	6.6	1,598	32	2.0	714	120	16.8
High school	8,573	584	6.8	5,984	222	3.7	2,589	362	14.0
College, 1 to 3 years	5,406	477	8.8	3,811	190	5.0	1,595	287	18.0
College, 4 or more years	4,929	399	8.1	3,520	109	3.1	1,410	289	20.5
Region:									
Northeast	3,952	225	5.7	2,758	40	1.5	1,194	185	15.5
Midwest	6,082	733	12.1	4,160	263	6.3	1,922	470	24.5
South	6,919	331	4.8	5,085	130	2.6	1,834	200	10.9
West	4,267	322	7.5	2,910	120	4.1	1,358	202	14.9
Metropolitan residence:									
Metropolitan	15,615	1,316	8.4	10,955	427	3.9	4,660	889	19.1
Central cities	5,298	361	6.8	3,871	107	2.8	1,427	254	17.8
Outside central cities	10,317	956	9.3	7,084	321	4.5	3,232	635	19.7
Nonmetropolitan	5,605	295	5.3	3,958	126	3.2	1,647	169	10.2

[1]Includes only children living in families with income.

Note: Estimates of latchkey kids are derived from table 4 and include 566,000 children 5 to 14 who are in self care as their primary arrangement and another 1,045,000 children in self care as their secondary arrangement (the 8,000 children reporting self care as both primary and secondary arrangements are not included twice).